

Brownell Library

Trustee Meeting Minutes

3/18/2025

Brownell Trustees in attendance: Karen Hergesheimer, Sheila Porter, Christine Packard, Dottie Bergendahl, Ann Wadsworth, Gabrielle Stevenson, Alex Carmical, Helen Donahey, Wren Bright, Beth Custer

Members of public: Tim Miller, Vanessa Luck

Brownell Staff in Attendance: Wendy Hysko & Alison Pierce

Agenda changes or deletions: Add information meeting and electing a new treasurer to new business.

Public to be heard: None

Announcements: Thank You Ann Wadsworth for her time and service on the Library board.

Vanessa Luck is on the ballot to join the board in April if she wins the election. She came to observe the meeting.

Please review the ALA petition to keep federal funding for Libraries and not cut the Institute of Museums and Libraries at the federal level.

Minutes of February 18th, 2025: Dottie moved to accept the minutes as written, Sheila 2nd, Minutes passed.

Financial report: Checking- \$1786.72 and CD -\$2918.193

Looks like we will balance out for the year so far looking at the operations and buildings budget.

Dottie acknowledged the financial report, Sheila 2nd, passed unanimously.

Library director and staff report:

We reviewed the report. Karen has offered to help clean up the Facebook analytics numbers.

Committee report: Strategic Planning- Almost complete, going to share with the staff to get input. Next meeting is April 7th @12:30-2:30

Working groups:

100th Planning- meet on April 15th 6-7pm

Sustainability- Alex has been working on creating a criteria for finding new trustees to the board and getting feedback from Erna and River.

Foundation report: Dottie- The book donations day was moderately busy last Saturday. Next donation is April 19th.

On April 12th the Foundation will have an informational table at the library from 11-1 to try to get more volunteers involved with the Foundation.

Old Business: Roof update- waiting on bids

Lincoln renovation- ongoing

Trustee city MOU- a few minor changes were made, but it was voted on and is now an official document.

Budget workgroup- finished and waiting to be voted on in April

Kolvoord room- Tax help is using the room a lot. There is no more tween center use due to funding issues.

March 12th City Council Library dept head and board chair checkin- moved until next week.

New business:

Trustee role review- reviewed the digital "binder" of what a trustee's role is.

Informational meeting- Karen and Sheila will attend the meeting on March 25th to answer any questions that may arise. 6:30-7:30 at the police station.

Treasurer- Sheila nominated Dottie as the new treasurer, Christine 2nd. Pass unanimously. Dottie is the new treasurer.

Adjournment: Sheila moved to adjourn the meeting, Dottie 2nd, Meeting adjourned.